Rural Health Newscast

Rural Health Policy Council Office
Health & Welfare Agency
State of California

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Federal Grants

Rural Network Development Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to support the planning and development of vertically integrated health care networks in rural areas. There must be a memorandum of agreement or other formal arrangement between members of a network. The emphasis of the program is on projects to develop the organizational capabilities of these networks. The network is a tool for overcoming the fragmentation of health care delivery services in rural areas.

Estimated Amount of Competition: $3M
Estimated Number of Awards: 10-15
Deadline: March 16, 1998
Projected Award Date: September 30, 1998
To Order Application Kit:
Jake Culp, (888) 333-4772
CFDA Number: Network 93.912B

Rural Health Outreach Grants

Purpose: Rural Health Outreach Grants are designed to expand or enhance the availability of essential health services in rural areas and develop health service delivery networks. The purpose of this program is to support projects that demonstrate creative models of outreach and health care services delivery in rural areas that lack basic health services. Grants will be awarded either for the direct provision of health services to rural populations, especially for those not currently receiving them, or to enhance access to and utilization of existing available services.

Estimated Amount of Competition: $2.5M
Estimated Number of Awards: 10-12
Deadline: March 16, 1998
Projected Award Date: September 30, 1998
To Order Application Kit:
Arlene Granderson, (888) 333-4772
CFDA Number: Network 93.912A

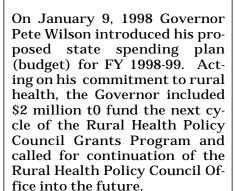*Note: Eligibility and Funding Priorities are the same for both grant programs.*

Eligibility: A rural public or nonprofit private entity that is or represents a network which includes three or more health care providers or other entities that provide or support the delivery of health care services. The administrative headquarters of the organization must be located in a rural county or in a rural census tract of an urban county, or an organization constituted exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers in rural areas and supported under Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act. These organizations are eligible regardless of the urban or rural location of the administrative headquarters.

Funding Priorities and Preferences: Funding preference may be given to applicant networks that include: (1) a majority of the health care providers serving in the area or region to be served by the network; (2) any federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and local public health departments serving in the area or region; (3) outpatient mental health providers serving in the area or region; or (4) appropriate social service providers, such as aging, school systems, and providers under the women, infants, and children program (WIC) to improve access to and coordination of health care services.

Governor's Proposed Budget FY 98-99

On January 9, 1998 Governor Pete Wilson introduced his proposed state spending plan (budget) for FY 1998-99. Acting on his commitment to rural health, the Governor included $2 million t0 fund the next cycle of the Rural Health Policy Council Grants Program and called for continuation of the Rural Health Policy Council Office into the future.

Jobs Available Program

Positions filled:	243
patient care	130
administrative	82
ancillary	31
Current listings:	55
patient care	26
administrative	21
ancillary	8
Total Locations	137
Total Counties	54

Rural Health Policy Council Rural Hospital Services Grant Awards for 1997-1998

Congratulations to the 46 hospitals who applied for the grants, up from 30 applicants last year.

Avalon Municipal Hospital	$3,000
Barton Memorial Hospital	25,000
Bear Valley Community Healthcare	3,000
Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital	25,000
Colusa Community Hospital	13,950
Corcoran District Hospital	7,698
Dos Palos Memorial Hospital	3,000
Eastern Plumas District Hospital	7,748
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital	25,000
Glenn Medical Center	3,000
Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital	14,860
Indian Valley Hospital	3,000
John C. Fremont Healthcare District	7,371
Lassen Community Hospital	10,362
Lindsay District Hospital	11,336
Lompoc District Hospital	6,077
Mammoth Hospital	7,305
Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital	21,544
Marshall Hospital	25,000
Memorial Hospital at Exeter	3,000
Mendocino Coast District Hospital	25,000
Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta	12,046
Modoc Medical Center	3,000
Needles Desert Communities Hospital	12,776
Oak Valley Hospital	5,186
Ojai Valley Community Hospital	3,000
Palo Verde Hospital	7,323
Plumas District Hospital	7,672
Redbud Community Hospital	21,219
Ridgecrest Regional Hospital	5,434
San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital	3,243
Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital	3,000
Seneca Hospital District	6,309
Sierra Kings District Hospital	3,000
Sierra Valley District Hospital	3,000
Siskiyou General Hospital	15,850
Sonora Community Hospital	11,205
St. Elizabeth Community Hospital	25,000
Surprise Valley Community Hospital	3,000
Sutter Coast Hospital	21,895
Sutter Lakeside Hospital	25,000
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	14,136
Trinity Hospital	12,445
Tuolumne General Hospital	25,000
Ukiah Valley Medical Center	25,000
Westside District Hospital	3,000
Total	**$528,990**

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W.K. Kellogg Foundation Launches New Rural Information Initiative

The Foundation recently launched a $16.5 million initiative called Managing Information with Rural America (MIRA). This five-year effort is designed to assist rural communities in determining how technology can be used to address the growing concerns of rural populations on such matters as economic development, education, health, and leadership. *Each year*, over the life-span of the initiative, five groups of community teams, ten to fifteen community-support organizations and three policy-support organizations will receive grants to make better use of electronic communications and information systems.

Although the deadline for the 1997 proposals has passed, this initiative will be a yearly effort.

There are three distinct levels of grant support in this initiative. On the local level, the Foundation will award five grants of up to $200,000 each to fund clusters of community teams within a local community. Building on those efforts, two to four community-support organizations within each cluster of community teams will receive up to $250,000 for the use of technology to enhance their current community services and further improve their community's economy.

On the national level, in MIRA's first year, up to four national policy groups will receive grants between $150,000 to $250,000 to work with selected clusters of community teams around local, regional, and national issues they determine relevant.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal for 1998, contact 888/264-6662 or visit the Kellogg Foundation's website at www.wkkf.org/basesystem/sec/WKKF/filecomponent/1130_MIRA.htm

Rural Health Policy Council Upcoming Public Meetings

March 20   Sacramento
Following the California State Rural Health Association meeting on 3/19 and immediately preceding the California Healthcare Association/Rural Healthcare Center's Annual Rural Healthcare Symposium.

May   Redding
Date, time and location TBA

September 11   Fresno
Time and Location TBA

Those of you who completed the Constituent Satisfaction Survey in August,1997 and requested a site visit from the RHPC Liaison were sent a site visit inquiry letter. If you still wish to have the Liaison, Fred Johnson, visit your site, please mail or fax the inquiry letter as soon as possible.

The RHPC Office has already begun scheduling the first of over 50 statewide site visits. Mr. Johnson hopes to complete all the visits by July 1, 1998.

Liaison

Site

Visits